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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4398

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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CINCPAC

USSAG NAKHON PHANOM

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY, SITREP NO. 8

REF: BANGKOK 9014

1. THE DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY BEGAN
TO DISPERSE AT ABOUT 1900 HOURS. THE SPEAKERS CONTROLLED
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THE DISPERSING CROWD IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. THEY ANNOUNCED

THAT THEY WOULD PROCEED TO DEMOCRACY MONUMENT AND WOULD HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT MAHIDON UNIVERSITY AT 2000 HOURS. THE SPEAKERS ALSO CTIONED AGAINST ANY ACTS OF VANDALISM AND SAID THAT POLICE SHOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY PERSONS WHO CONTINUED TO DEFACE USG PROPERTY.

2. DEMONSTRATION LEADERS ANNOUNCED AT 1810 HOURS THAT THE USG HAD APOLOGIZED TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT. THE PROTESTORS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THIS VICTORY. BY THE TIME OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE CROWD IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY HAD GROWN TO APPROXIMATELY 800 PERSONS. THEY CONTINUED SHOUTING SPEECHES AND OTHER SLOGANS INTO THEIR LOUDSPEAKER THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THEY BURNED AN AMERICAN FLAG IN FRONT OF THE GATE TO THE EMBASSY COMPOUND AT 1500. OTHERWISE THE DEMONSTRATION REMAINED NONVIOLENT.

3. THE DEMONSTRATORS DISCONNECTED THEIR LOUDSPEAKER AND DISMANTLED THEIR PLATFORM AT ABOUT 1945. TRAFFIC IS NOW MOVING NORMALLY IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY AND ONLY A FEW ONLOOKERS REMAIN.

4. AMCONSUL SONGKHLA REPORTS THAT STUDENTS FROM PRINCE OF SONGKHLA UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATED AND HUNG POSTERS AT THE CONSUL'S RESIDENCE AND CONSULATE, MAY 17. APPROXIMATELY 400 STUDENTS AND ONLOOKERS ATTENDED A RALLY AT SONGKHLA SUNDAY MARKET MAY 18, BUT DISPERSED AT NIGHTFALL.

5. CONSULATE CHIANG MAI ALSO REPORTED A DEMONSTRATION AT THE CONSULATE MAY 18 (BEING REPEATED VIA SEPTTEL).

6. BEFORE DISPERSING, THE DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY STRESSED THAT DESPITE TODAY'S VICTORY THEY SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED. THEY VOWED TO CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT UNTIL THEY HAVE SWEPT OUT ALL AMERICAN TROOPS FROM THAILAND.

7. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL SITREP ON THIS DEMONSTRATION. WHITEHOUSE

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